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SUBJECT: LIBYAN RESEARCH REACTORS

FOLLOWING ARE TEXTS OF UNCLASSIFIED LETTERS RECEIVED
FROM IAEA SIGNED BY POLLIART, DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF
NUCLEAR POWER AND REACTORS.

1. LETTER DATED JANUARY 6, RECEIVED JANUARY 10:
QTE IA AM PLEASED TO REFER TO MR. GABBERT'S LETTER TO
MR. PEDERSEN DATED 18 JUNE 1974 INFORMING THE SECRETARIAT
OF THE POSSIBILITY OF THE AGENCY'S RECEIVING FROM THE
GOVT OF LIBYA A REQUEST FOR TRANSFER FROM US OF A TRIGA
MARK III REACTOR TOGETHER WITH NECESSARY FUEL AND OTHER
SPECIAL FISSIONABLE MATERIAL AND TO CONFIRM, AS ALREADY
COMMUNICATED TO THE MISSION ORALLY, THAT THIS REQUEST
WAS RECEIVED IN MID-DECEMBER.

I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR CONFIRMATION FROM YOUR
AUTHORITIES THAT US WOULD BE WILLING TO TRANSFER THE
REACTOR AND SPECIAL FISSIONABLE MATERIAL. THE NUCLEAR
FUEL INITIALLY REQUIRED CONSISTS OF 120 PULSING STAINLESS
STEEL FUEL-MODERATOR ELEMENTS (STANDARD), THREE PULSING
STAINLESS STEEL-CLAD FUEL MODERATOR ELEMENTS (INSTRU-
MENTED), AND FIVE FUELLED-FOLLOWER CONTROL ROD ASSEMBLIES.
WE ARE INFORMED INFORMALLY THAT THE MATERIAL REQUESTED
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IS APPROXIMATELY 24.662 KILOGRAMS OF URANIUM ENRICHED

TO 20 PERCENT IN THE ISOTOPE URANIUM-235 AND IN ADDITION APPROXIMATELY 1.2 GRAMS OF HIGHLY-ENRICHED URANIUM (93.15 PERCENT) WHICH IS REQUIRED FOR NEUTRON DETECTORS. WHEN THIS INFORMATION CONCERNING THE EXACT QUANTITIES OF URANIUM HAS BEEN CONFIRMED OFFICIALLY, WE SHALL INFORM YOU THEREOF.

THE LIBYAN AUTHORITIES HAVE EXPRESSED THE WISH THAT THEIR REQUEST BE SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS AT ITS SESSION IN FEBRUARY 1975 AND I THEREFORE SHOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR A REPLY FROM YOUR AUTHORITIES AT AN EARLY DATE. UNQTE.

2. LETTER DATED JANURAY 10 AND RECEIVED JANUARY 14: QTE I REFER TO MY LETTER DATED 6 JANURAY 1975 REGARDING THE REQUEST WHICH THE AGENCY HAS RECEIVED FROM THE GOVT OF LIBYA FOR THE TRANSFER FROM THE USA OF A TRIGA MARK III REACTOR TOGETHER WITH THE NECESSARY FUEL AND OTHER SPECIAL FISSIONABLE MATERIAL. THE GOVT OF LIBYA HAS NOW OFFICIALLY INFORMED THE SECRETARIAT THAT THE MATERIAL REQUESTED IS AS STATED IN MY LETTER DATED 6 JANUARY, NAMELY, APPROXIMATELY 24.662 KILOGRAMS OF URANIUM ENRICHED TO 20 PERCENT IN THE ISOTOPE URANIUM-234 AND, IN ADDITION, APPROXIMATELY 1.2 GRAMS OF HIGHLY ENRICHED URANIUM (93.15 PERCENT) WHICH IS REQUIRED FOR NEUTRON DETECTORS.

AS YOU KNOW, THE LIBYAN AUTHORITIES HAVE EXPRESSED THE WISH THAT THEIR REQUEST BE SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS AT ITS SESSION IN FEBRUARY 1975. THE SECRETARIAT IS TAKING THE NECESSARY STEPS TO COMPLY WITH THIS WISH AND SHOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE RECEIVING AT AN EARLY DATE FROM YOUR AUTHORITIES CONFIRMATION THAT THE US WOULD BE WILLING TO TRANSFER THE REACTOR AND THE SPECIAL FISSIONABLE MATERIAL. UNQTE.

3. GABBERT "LETTER" OF JUNE 18 REFERRED TO IN PARA ONE ABOVE WAS IN FACT MERELY A TRANSMITTAL SLIP ATTACHED TO LETTER FROM GENERAL ATOMIC FORWARDED TO AGENCY. WE ARE ENDEAVORING OBTAIN COPY THIS LETTER AND WILL INFORM DEPT IF CONTENTS APPEAR SIGNIFICANT. PORTER

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